RESTORATION INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES PROJECT FACT SHEET

ORIGINAL DATE; 9 AUGUST 1996 TAG REVIEW DATE: 25 MARCH 1997

1. SITE NAME: Fort Fisher

SITE NUMBER: I04NC079600

LOCATION:

Kure Beach CITY: COUNTY: New Hanover STATE: North Carolina

PROJECT NUMBER: I04NC079601

CATEGORY: ΟE

INPR RAC: 1

2 ASR RAC:

2 TAG RAC:

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: The site encompasses 2,028 acres of land and water is a historic site, a nature preserve and DOD property. A total of 1,205 acres is eliqible for FUDS. In addition there is a 131,294 acre off shore ordnance area. A portion of the site has been subdivided for vacation homes. Winters are cool and summers are hot and humid. The site contains threatened and rare species. Significant historic and archeological resources are on the site. The vegetation ranges from live oak forest to dune grass.

4. SITE HISTORY: Prior to the War Department acquiring the property, two Civil War Battles were fought on the site. explosive ordnance from this time period has been recovered at the site. In 1941, the War Department acquired approximately 1,223 acres by lease for use as a training range. When the land was acquired, it was a subpost of Camp Davis and was used as a firing point. It was first used by a mobile Coast Artillery regiment and later by AAA units training at Camp Davis. spring of 1942, developmental testing of proximity and photoelectric fuzes began at Fort Fisher. In November 1944, the War Department began to terminate the leases. An 812 acre parcel was used by the Army Air Force for use as a bomb target for about one year. The last lease was terminated in November 1946. Since site closure, a portion of the former site was purchased by the Departments of the Army and Air Force for use as a buffer zone and an air station.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Area A: Size, Acres: 132

Former Usage: Cantonment Area
Present Usage: Summer Homes
Probable End Usage: Same as Above

Ordnance Presence: None

Area B: Size, Acres: 30

Former Usage: Firing Line
Present Usage: Historical Site
Probable End Usage: Same as Above

Ordnance Presence: None

Area C: Size, Acres 683

Former Usage: Impact Area
Present Usage: Nature Preserve
Probable End Usage: Same as Above
Ordnance Presence: Confirmed

Type: 37 and 40 mm explosive

projectiles, 2.36 HEAT Round

Area D: Size, Acres: 360

Former Usage: Remaining Lands
Present Usage: Nature Preserve
Probable End Usage: Same as Above

Ordnance Presence: None

Area E: Size, Acres: 823

Former Usage: Other Military Lands - Not

FUDS Eligible

Present Usage: Buffer Area, Air Station

Probable End Usage: Same as Present Use

Ordnance Presence: N/A

Area F: Size, Acres: 131,294

Former Usage: Off Shore Ordnance Area

Former Usage:
Present Usage: Atlantic Ocean Probable End Usage: Atlantic Ocean

Ordnance Presence: Confirmed

40mm Projectiles Types:

Potential

37mm, 3 inch, 90mm and 155mm Types:

Projectiles

6. CURRENT STATUS:

The Archives Search Report for Fort Fisher was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in August 1996.

7. STRATEGY:

Area A: EE/CA Area B: EE/CA Area C: EE/CA Area D: EE/CA

Area E: Ineligible(Active Installation)

Area F: NOFA

ISSUES AND CONCERNS:

- The TAG has determined that an EE/CA will be performed in Area A, Area B, Area C and Area D to include the area within 100 yards off-shore of mean high tide for each of these areas. It is unclear whether the 1 round, which was found in the surf, had been transported to this area by wave action or had originally impacted the beach area; however the potential for other ordnance in this area is high. There is to be no further action performed in Area F due to it being covered by water.
- b. Locations of historic and archeological sites should be determined. Known historic and archeological sites should be avoided to the extent possible. Threatened and rare species are in the project area. Non-energetic historic and archeological objects may be encountered. Remediation depth of one foot or less is suggested.
- **SCHEDULE SUMMARY:** EE/CA
- 10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only